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SUBJECT: BURELLI DECLARES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY

1. IN PAID NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT AND TELEVISION ADDRESS  
INDEPENDENT

POLITICAL LEADER MIGUEL ANGEL BURELLI RIVAS DECLARED HIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY ON MAY 9, THUS BECOMING ININTH OFFICIALLY- ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE. BURELLI, WHO IS BACKED BY THREE SMALL, RECENTLY- FORMED ORGANIZATIONS, REVEALED HE HAS BEEN CONSULTING WITH PREDRO TINOCO AND RETIRED GENERAL MARTIN GARCIA VILLASMIL TO TRY TO FORM A UNITED FRONT, AND THAT HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO RELINQUISH HIS CANDIDACY IF SUCH A FRONT AGREED ON A CANDIDATE OTHER THAN HIMSELF. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED TO MEET AGAIN WITH MARCOS PEREZ JIMINEZ.

2. COMMENT: BURELLI, WHO RAN FOURTH IN THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WITH 21 PCT OF THE VOTE, COULD POSE FORMIDABLE CHALLENGE TO ACCION DEMOCRATICA AND COPEI IF HE COULD GAIN ENDORSEMENT OF PEREZ JIMENEZ, OR EVEN IF PEREZ JIMENEZ DECIDED TO ENDORSE NO CANDIDATE. IN ANY EVENT, IF HE STAYS IN RACE, AS AN IDEPENDENT WITH PROVEN VOTE- GETTING ABILITIES, HE IS EXPECTED TO DRAW CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM THAT APPARENTLY LARGE SECTOR OF ELECTORATE WHICH IS ANTI-AD/ COPEI AND WHICH AT SAME TIME DOES NOT FAVOR RADICAL PARTIES OF THE LEFT.  
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